

About \$26,000 of Oklahoma county bonds are as yet unsold.

There are no chinch-bugs in the wheat as far west as "S" county.

Mrs. Jennie Parker, wife of colonel Parker of Oklahoma county, died last week.

It is said that ninety-five per cent of the Garfield county wheat is all right.

The elections of trustees in the towns of Oklahoma were held last Monday.

Eastern money is coming into Oklahoma slowly. There will be more of it next fall.

Several of the bridges in Garfield county have been washed away by recent floods.

There is a little town down on the Salt Fork, in Grant county, named Nigger Creek.

The finding of oil wells in Logan county will undoubtedly lubricate the wheels of industry.

Pat Nagle should drop a hint to his deputies that Bill Doolin is not a hero yet by some little sight.

Governor Renfrow says it has been his intention all along to re-appoint the old officers in Greer county.

There are 70,000 school children in Oklahoma. Oklahoma has the finest schools for her age in the world.

In a perjury case in Canadian county the district court has held that a city clerk has no legal right to administer an oath.

A bill was passed Saturday for the disposal of public reservations in the vacated townships in Oklahoma territory.

The Rock Island railroad keeps western Oklahoma busy trying to find out what its "new time" is about every two weeks.

Antoine Tracy was recently held up in Oklahoma county, and the highwayman, not content with \$6 and his watch, took his coat.

About ten divorce cases were continued for the term in Oklahoma county the other day and the boarding-house keepers smiled.

A large part of the crime that is committed in Oklahoma is done by non-residents of the territory, parties who are traveling through the country.

Concerts usually are not paying successes in Oklahoma. The nights are so still that people can sit on the outside and hear just as well as though they had paid to get in.

George Nozot, of Paris, France, broke into Shawnee county the other day and carried off one of the local belles. Oklahoma girls are fine but this is coming a long way for one.

There recently arrived at the Kansas penitentiary from Oklahoma a boy 14 years of age and a man 65 years of age. They were father and son. The boy stole goods and the old man received them.

The fossil remains of a mastodon have been found in Oklahoma county. The tusks measure seven feet in length and eight inches in diameter at the base. The pelvis bones measure seven feet across. "The truth abounds in Oklahoma county so the report is probably true.

Sheriff DeFord of Oklahoma county, left Tuesday morning for the Kansas penitentiary with Ace Coleman, convicted of perjury; Walter Owens, colored, assault; Clem Rogers, colored, burglary; Chas. Kennedy, forgery; and James Scott, highway robbery. The last named committed the crime Friday night, was arrested Sunday, was indicted and pleaded guilty on Monday and taken to the pen on Tuesday.

Charles Homes a full-blooded Choctaw, was legally shot at Pushmataha court house grounds thirty miles west of Antlers, Wednesday, for the murder of Charles Klotzby, his son-in-law. At 1:53 Homes was led out of the court house, where religious services have been held, and placed on a box before the court house. Five paces from the court house door. He was blindfolded and two deputy sheriffs stood on either side holding his hands. Deputy Sheriff Bob Jackson did the shooting, standing just inside the court house door. Jackson missed the mark placed over the victim's heart, striking two inches beneath. The murderer lived for ten minutes suffering great agony. Homes' wife was present but did not seem to be affected to any great extent.

Some day the perjury cases will cease. The courts will simply get tired of them.

The territorial board of equalization probably wishes now that it hadn't.

Horses are so cheap in Woods county that John Corbett was recently arrested there and tried for insanity for stealing one.

An Oklahoma exchange points out that Oklahoma's crops will all be matured before the seed distribution at Washington begins.

We knew it would come. Noble county has a new restaurant called "The Mineral."

The average wages paid to school teachers in Woods county is \$30 a month.

Miss Jane Eyre is the name of a Pawnee Indian. She is highly educated and admired the book and took the heroine's name.

The first woman who was supposed to have been killed by cocaine in Logan county the other night will be out of jail. Someone has expressed a doubt that she was dead.

For 1895 the wheat crop of Oklahoma was 2,593,000.

Harry St. John is still having considerable time getting his bond.

Some day Oklahoma will be surprised at the number of divorce-seekers in the country and the next day they will discover that they are not divorce-seekers but an influx of settlers. Then the boom will start.

A man in Woods county says his taxes amounted to \$2.69. If the equalization board had not raised the rate this would have been 80 cents less. He says he doesn't kick on the 80 cents but on the principle of the thing.

The Noble county and office has rendered a decision in the Nulty-Wyatt-Wilde-Kalb-Fisher-Kalb-Mahoney-Krue-Clark contest case in favor of Wyatt for the south eighty and Wilde for the north eighty and one eighty across the section line. This is a valuable tract of land in Kay county.

Lucky Davis, Louis Davis, Rufus Buck, M. J. Sam Sampton, and Ed Wilkey, alias Davis, were sentenced in the federal court at Fort Smith, Wednesday, to be hanged on Wednesday, July 8th, for crimes against women, committed in the Indian Territory. Lucky Davis is a negro, Wilkey is white, and the others are Indians.

A citizen of Noble county went east on a visit and took his family with him. While he was gone an unsophisticated intruder came along and broke into the house and established himself therein. He then proceeded to plant a garden and appropriate everything in sight. When the owner came home a quarrel ensued and the intruder struck his adversary with a hoe and cut his nose off.

Bill Doolin chief among western outlaws, was indicted Friday evening for the murder of three men, Deputy United States Marshals Lyle Shadley, Richard Sheed and Thomas Poston. The murders occurred at Ingalls in September last. There are about three dozen charges, ranging from bank and train robbery to murders, hanging over the outlaw.

In the district court of Noble county Lillian Taylor of Hamilton, O., has been awarded \$500 alimony against her husband, Robert N. Taylor, formerly of Canton, O. Taylor was suing for divorce. He is a young lawyer and the son of the well known Ohio jurist. Taylor filed his suit and went back to Canton on a visit. While he was away his wife filed her answer to the suit and Tuesday night was given alimony.

It is reported from Grey Horse in the Osage reservation, that the Osage Indians in that vicinity, are greatly excited over the killing of one of their number by a white man named McLaughlin, near Blackburn, and are holding a war dance and threaten vengeance on the whites unless McLaughlin is punished. He escaped after the fight in which the Indian received his fatal injury, but the Indians say they will capture him if he allowed to deal with him under their laws.

It seems that the judiciary of Oklahoma is getting affairs somewhat mixed up regarding the increase of the valuation of property in the several counties as ordered by the territorial board of equalization. Judge Dale, on an application for an injunction to enjoin the collection of taxes, under the increase of the assessment by the territorial board refused to grant the injunction. Judge Blier, on a like application, grants the injunction and makes it permanent. Judge McAtee, on a similar application, grants the injunction until further order of the court.

Several of the Oklahoma county superintendents say that many of the districts will begin the coming school year free of debt. Teachers will feel that a better day has dawned, when once they can take their orders to the district treasurer and receive the cash for them. While the warrant system, owing to the condition of the country, has probably been a necessary evil, it is a very expensive method of paying debts and always works a hardship to the teacher. Those who build and furnish houses always add to the price they charge enough to enable them to make a fair profit when their warrants have been discounted heavily; but the teacher is paid no more in warrants than he should receive in cash. Thus, without gain to the taxpayer, the teacher's wages are reduced to what is a good deal less than a reasonable remuneration. Cash payments will be a gain both to the teacher and to the supporters of the schools; for the teacher will receive the full amount of his wages, and the taxpayer will save the interest which must be paid until the warrants can be paid in cash.

Pending the settlement of the county's change, the public schools in Greer county are closed.

The only man who has made any money out of building railroads in Oklahoma up to date is the secretary of the territory who grants it.

Citizens of Greer county, late of Texas, have succeeded in getting far enough along under Oklahoma's judicial tutoring to make application for permits to sell whiskey. But they cannot be expected to forget Texas habits so soon.

The Oklahoma farmer should plant trees before he plants him a handsome house. It is noticed that ten-year-old trees can't be grown in one day; and only a man when he is able to build a good house finds he has to do it on a bare knob.

Oklahoma is on the eve of a religious revival. The papers are full of the doings of revivalists.

Cleveland county has brought suit to recover \$14,000 in fees which several sheriffs thought they were entitled to and took.

The best time to plant alfalfa, as proved by Payne county, is on May 1.

County Treasurer Smook, of Kay county, has recovered the \$1,341 that was tied up in the recent Kay county bank failure.

An Oklahoma woman killed her father-in-law because he sucked eggs. That is a new but positively sure cure for sucking eggs.

What became of that shaggy rumor Bill Doolin allowed himself to be captured for part of the reward? And what became of the reward?

The trains passing through Kansas for Oklahoma are crowded. Oklahoma will be in the midst of a boom before she knows it.

The capital question is showing its head again some in Oklahoma. If the capital of Oklahoma is never moved it will be a wonder. In most states it has to be moved three or four times before it settles down.

The settlers down in the Kickapoo country have organized a vigilance committee for the purpose of inspecting all dogs and any suspected of having or being liable to have rabies are ordered put to death.

A year ago Hon. Hugh Corrigan of Noble county was killed by a Santa Fe train, later a suit for \$10,000 was brought. Tuesday morning the jury brought in a verdict in favor of the Santa Fe. Corrigan was formerly a rich business man of Dallas, Texas.

One of the extremely beautiful young men of Purcell, upon being told that two young lovers in that place sat up all night last Sunday night with but one chair in the room, declares that it could not be done unless one of them sat on the floor. Such ignorance is painful.

Col. Freeman, Indian agent of the Osage nation, has been called to Washington to answer for his general meanness in confiscating newspapers, tearing down bridges and driving the Indians crazy. The colonel should not only be dismissed but sent to Cuba to be shot.

Joe Tish-Ali-Wal-Lah, a rich Osage Indian, of Noble county has been arrested for bigamy. The Indian married Sallie Morton, a white woman, two years ago, soon became tired of her and sued for divorce. While the divorce was pending he married Pearl Coleman up in Kansas.

The celebrated case against Bill Dysart has just been decided in Payne county after five years of fighting. Dysart was arrested for selling liquor without license and his liquor was confiscated by deputy marshals. Dysart sued for and now has been awarded \$175 damages against Deputy United Marshal Joseph Tillery, who led the raid.

A Lincoln county girl sent her photograph to her best fellow in Coalgate. She wrapped it up in the News, her home paper, which contained the advertisement of the Majestic Steel Range Stove. A portion of the print adhered to the photograph, and the young man was horrified and very much surprised to see staring him in the face in bold plea type the following line: "See name on the leg." He will recover.

Henrie Bowie, who was arrested in Noble county some days ago by a Texas marshal, returned Saturday morning. Bowie was charged with killing an unknown Irishman at Erin Springs, in the Chickasaw nation over twenty years ago, but on preliminary hearing before Commissioner Yates at Purcell, there was not one scintilla of evidence to show that the young man murderer as described at the time the arrest was made, was Henry Bowie. It seems to have been a scheme to get a little money.

A Kay county lady went to a grocery store recently to buy a peck of potatoes, taking, as she supposed, a freshly laundered flour sack. She held the sack while the groceryman poured in the potatoes. A singular thing happened. The potatoes went through the sack and rolled over the floor. On examination it was found that there were two holes in the bottom of the bag, both trimmed with embroidery. The groceryman fainting and the lady sent a small boy after the potatoes with a basket.

An observant citizen of the Chickasaw nation said a few days since that he felt perfectly safe there would come an appropriation to pay the Choctaws and Chickasaws for all the leased district and for Greer county. And the reason he gave, was, that there would be no take-off for congressmen and their attorneys unless the appropriation was made. He never mentioned the question as to whether the land belonged to these tribes or not. And, in fact, he is right in ignoring that point, as he is well aware that the size of the take-off decides the game.

G. W. Crosby, superintendent of public instruction for Noble county, says twenty new school houses have been built in the past few months costing from \$250 to \$500 each. There are fifty schools in the county and the fund amounts to a little over \$5,000, and there are 5,100 school children in the county.

The only time Pat Nagle has fallen down since he became marshal was when he failed to catch those fellows who committed burglary in the residence of his townsman Governor Seay.

Bill Doolin will undoubtedly feel bad about that Oklahoma grand jury rendering an indictment against him without due notice.

Two divorce cases in Oklahoma county in one day and no decree. What's the matter with Oklahoma's divorce courts?

Colonel Burnett and C. E. Harper of Kay county had two valuable horses stolen out of their pastures Friday night. The thieves were tracked to the state line and officers are still in pursuit.

## SHUTS OUT POLITICS.

### CLEVELAND EXTENDS THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Thirty Thousand Government Employees Added to the Classified List—Goes Into Effect Immediately—Very Few Jobs Are Now Left for the Spoils System.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The long expected order of the President including in the civil service most of the offices now remaining outside of the classified service, was issued yesterday. Practically the only persons left outside of the civil service will be assistant secretaries, heads of bureaus and, in a few cases, private secretaries and laborers. The order is to take effect immediately.

It is stated by the civil service commission that the new order adds 29,300 positions to the classified list, increasing the number of classified positions from 25,736 to 55,036. The number of classified positions which are excepted from examination has been reduced from 2,669 to 775, being mainly positions as cashiers in the customs, postal and internal revenue services. Indians employed in minor capacities in the Indian service are necessarily put in the excepted list. Almost all of the positions in Washington, which have heretofore been excepted, have been included.

McKINLEY AND SILVER.

The California Republican Convention Declares for Both.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 7.—The McKinley enthusiasts completely captured the Republican state convention, although the district delegates elected from the Fourth congressional district were unpledged and are avowedly Alton supporters. The Fifth district delegates will probably be of the same political complexion, but the other fourteen are bound to McKinley by the strongest pledges that could be framed.

The state convention elected four delegates at large and gave them inconclusive McKinley instructions. The convention came out squarely for silver in the following declaration: "We favor the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and the free coinage of silver as well as gold a legal tender of all debts, both public and private."

Snyder Named for Congress.

PORTLAND, Me., May 7.—The Republicans of the Fourteenth congressional district nominated Mr. Snyder for Congress. The resolutions condemn everything Democratic, laud McKinleyism and adopt the declaration of the Ohio platform on money.

STRIKE AT ARMOUR'S.

The Firemen Walk Out on a Demand for Higher Wages.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 7.—The entire force of firemen employed at Armour's combine ever put together in all, banked their fires at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and went out on a strike. Their action was the result of the company's refusal to accede to their demands for \$2 for eight hours' work per day, instead of \$2.25 for twelve hours' work per day, which they have been getting. The plant ceased to operate temporarily until new men could be secured.

The Swift and the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger companies agreed at once to the terms put forward and said they would pay what was asked. When the companies visited Dold's and Fowler's establishments their words were met with the statement that if Armour's acceded they would. They proposed to make Armour's the battleground.

Big Floor Trust.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 7.—R. D. Hubbard, the executive front of the linseed oil trust, has succeeded, with the aid of the Pillsbury, in perfecting the organization of the greatest millers' combine ever put together in this country. The purpose is to advance the price of flour, to secure satisfactory rail and water transportation rates and to compel every spring wheat grinder in the country to become a part of the pool.

Avenged His Girl's Dishonor.

MACON, Mo., May 7.—Seal Druggan of Liberty township, this county, shot and killed a young man named Hadley last evening. Druggan surrendered to Sheriff Asbury of Macon later and was placed in jail. The prisoner says he discovered Hadley had assaulted one of his (Druggan's) daughters, and was brought to Sedalia and placed in the county jail.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 7.—Reports from Crawford county, Ark., the greatest strawberry producing region in the world, say that the crop will not be more than half an average. The price of strawberries is rapidly advancing in all the Northern markets and the crop is being rapidly marketed.

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## FOR RAIN AND PEACE.

A Devotional Procession at Madrid Participated in by 150,000 People.

MADRID, May 7.—The great religious procession through the streets of Madrid to invoke divine favor for the termination of the drought and the speedy end of the Cuban war terminated last night. It was a striking ceremony, remarkable signs of penitence being everywhere visible. There were at least 150,000 persons on the road of the procession. The Papi Nuncio and four cabinet ministers presided over the arrangements, while a large number of generals and other officers took part in the procession. Eight generals in gala uniform carried a silver bier, on which was the body of Saint Isidro, the patron saint of Madrid.

AGAINST MR. BUCHAN.

Credentials Committee Declares in Favor of the Trickett Delegation.

LAWRENCE, Kan., May 7.—The committee on credentials of the Second district Republican congressional convention last night voted to seat the Trickett delegation from Wyandotte county. The ballot stood 6 to 2.

Those voting for the Trickett delegation were: Chairman George T. Anthony of Franklin county, James M. Humphrey of Bourbon, Secretary F. L. Lanter of Johnson, James Tyson of Lynn and Alexander Davis of Miami. Judge John Q. A. Norton of Douglas and John Q. Johnson of Anderson voted for the contesting Buchanan delegation.

An Hawaiian Cable Compromise.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The Senate committee on foreign relations to-day agreed on a compromise bill for a cable to Hawaii and Japan. It authorizes the postmaster general to enter into a contract on behalf of the United States, with any company which may lay the cable to pay a subsidy not exceeding \$165,000 per year. The bill had the support of Senator Morgan and of all the Republican members of the committee.

Democrats Nominate a Republican.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., May 7.—The Democrats of McLean county have nominated for state senator a present Republican representative, Dr. John L. White. He was a candidate for the Republican nomination and was defeated in the convention. F. M. Hall of Danvers was endorsed for Congress. The platform declared for Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson for President and Altdorf for governor and for the free coinage of silver and gold.

Cattle Raiser Stats Exonerated.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., May 7.—J. W. Stats, a cattle raiser whose ranch is on the Kansas and Indian Territory line near Coffeyville, and who was charged with violating the national quarantine law by driving a herd of cattle from one pasture in the territory across the line to another pasture on the same ranch, was acquitted by a jury in the federal court here to-day.

A Big Suit Compromised.

SEDALIA, Mo., May 7.—John W. McClure of Hughesville, one of the seven directors of the defunct First National bank, sued by Receiver Latimer to recover \$208,000 for the bank, has compromised with the government and the case against him has been dismissed. As to the terms of the compromise nothing could be learned from Receiver Latimer.

Hired Assassins.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 7.—Officers arrived here yesterday from Canton, Ga., having in custody Floyd Willis, a young white man who, about three weeks ago, assassinated Vance Perkins, a wealthy planter of Craighead county, Ark. Willis and his brother relate that they were promised \$5,000 for the job by Elijah Bennett, a neighbor of Perkins.

King Humbert Quite Liberal.

ROME, May 7.—King Humbert has given \$50,000 to the families of the soldiers killed and wounded in the African campaign, without any distinction being made between Italians and native troops who fought in the service of Italy. The king has also given \$20,000 to the Red Cross Society for the benefit of the wounded.

Assaulted His Sister-in-Law.

SEDALIA, Mo., May 7.—George Nichols of Green Ridge was arrested on a charge of having assaulted his sister-in-law, Mrs. Eliza Locke. A mob congregated as soon as the alleged crime was made known, with the intention of lynching the prisoner. He was brought to Sedalia and placed in the county jail.

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## TAYLOR'S NARROW ESCAPE

Positive Traces of the Fugitive Murderer in Nebraska.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 7.—Marshall Joseph B. Keshlear returned yesterday from his fruitless trip to Nebraska in search of George Taylor. He was greatly chagrined over the escape of Taylor from what seemed certain capture. Taylor having been within a few yards of his pursuers. The depth of Mr. Keshlear's disappointment at losing not only the honor of capturing Taylor but the substantial reward of \$1,700 may be imagined when it is stated that the fugitive boarded at Shelton, Neb., the same train from which Keshlear alighted.

SHORN OF THEIR POWER.

Rock Island Passenger Conductors Cannot Collect Fares.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 6.—The Rock Island railway conductors have been shorn of considerable of their authority. On many of the Rock Island trains entering and leaving Kansas city uniformed collectors take up the tickets and collect cash fares from the passengers, while the conductors simply look after the running of the trains, see that they are on time and help the passengers on and off at stations.

The Rock Island conductors are indignant over the introduction of the ticket collectors and consider it almost a direct charge of dishonesty.

Fire at St. Louis Packing House.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 7.—About midnight fire was discovered in the fertilizing building of the extensive beef packing plant of Nelson Morris & Co., in East St. Louis, Ill. In a short time the building in which it started, the ice house and cattle pens were destroyed. The loss amounted to \$30,000; insurance ample to cover the amount of loss.

John Hays Hammond Very Sick.

NEW YORK, May 5.—A dispatch to the World from Mrs. John Hammond says: Hammond suffers in heroic silence. His comrades of the reform committee endure with noble courage the penalties due to Jameson, who is the lion of the hour in London. Mr. Hammond's heart is in a critical condition. The prison fare is very bad.

Stanford Gets His Money.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—After three years of litigation, the estate of the late Senator Stanford has at last been enabled to pay the bequest of \$2,500,000 which the Senator left to Leland Stanford, Jr., university. The money means an assured income to the great institution, no matter what may happen to any person or persons.

A Noted Horticulturist Dead.

NEW YORK, May 5.—Andrew S. Fuller, a noted horticulturist and etomologist, is dead at his home at Ridge-wood, N. J. For over twenty-five years he had been writing for the leading agricultural papers of the country. He was also the author of a number of books on agricultural subjects.

Still Another Royal Wedding.

COPENHAGEN, May 7.—Princess Louise of Denmark, eldest daughter of the crown prince Frederick, who was born in 1875, and Prince Frederick of Schaumburg-Lippe, cousin of the reigning Prince George, who was born in 1868, were married last evening at the palace of Amalienberg.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Republican machine in New York has settled on Speaker Hamilton Fish for governor.

Secretary Carlisle denies that he voted for Bradley or any other Republican on the Kentucky State ticket.

Joe Manly and Tom Platt, managers respectively of Reed and Morton, still believe McKinley cannot be nominated.

The first Louisiana Republican split and sent two sets of delegates to St. Louis.

According to the San Francisco Examiner the mountain and Pacific coast States are lining up for McKinley.

"Farmer" Smith of McPherson has hired a lawyer and will sue Cy Leland for libel in the latest.

Congressman Grosvenor, McKinley's statistician, figures out that the Ohio man has already more delegates than enough to nominate. Joe Manly, Reed's statistician, can only find 275 delegates for the Buckeye candidate, 162 for Reed and 217 for all the others.